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U.S. Patent Documents

3,143,742	Cromie	08-11-1964
3,526,906	Laszlo	09-08-1970

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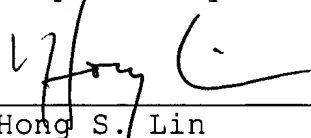
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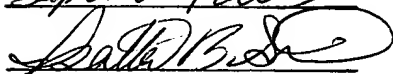
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